

PetPoint Report: February 2012

The PetPoint Report is a monthly gauge of U.S. pet owner demand for dogs and cats available for adoption. Data is aggregated via the PetPoint Animal Management Software, a cloud-based application developed and launched in 2005. PetPoint is the most widely used animal management application in North American animal welfare.

The February PetPoint Report aggregates data from 992 animal welfare organizations (“AWOs”) in the United States and compares it to data from 2011. For the purposes here, AWOs are defined as animal control agencies, SPCAs, humane societies and rescue groups. Only data from AWOs operating PetPoint during both February 2011 and February 2012 have been included.

The report includes data on 119,768 dogs and cats that entered AWOs during the month (referred to as Intakes) and 121,209 dogs and cats that left AWOs over the same period (referred to as Outcomes). Only data for dogs and cats is reported here. AWOs from 48 states (excluding Alaska and Delaware), Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented in this report.

Intakes

Cats

- Owner surrenders of cats totaled 15,817, a decline of 4% from February 2011.
- Cats returned to shelters from owners previously adopting from the same organization totaled 1,914, up 9% from the previous year.
- Seizures of cats conducted by law enforcement organizations totaled 3,218 during February 2012, an increase of 31% from February 2011.
- Intakes of stray cats totaled 17,592, an increase of 41% from February 2011.
- 5,676 cats were transferred in from other AWOs, an increase of 24% from February 2011.
- Total intakes of all cats into AWOs equaled 44,217 during February 2012, an increase of 3% from February 2011.

Dogs

- Owner surrenders totaled 23,004, an increase of 1%.
- Returns of dogs previously adopted from the same organizations totaled 3,732, an increase of 15%.
- Seizures of dogs conducted by law enforcement agencies increased 1% to 6,590.
- Intakes of stray dogs totaled 25,504, an increase of 4%.
- Transfers of dogs into AWOs totaled 16,721, an increase of 23%.
- Total intakes of all dogs equaled 75,551, an increase of 7% over February 2011.

Outcomes

Cats

- 24,820 cats were adopted in February, an increase of 7% over February 2011.
- A total of 607 cats died (excluding euthanasia) while in AWOs during February 2012, an increase of 7% from 2010.
- Euthanasia totaled 16,349, a decline of 4% from February last year.
- 1,375 cats were returned to their owners, down 4% from February 2011.
- Transfers of cats out of reporting AWOs to other organizations totaled 3,401, an increase of 13%.
- In February 2012, a total of 46,552 cats left AWOs, up 3% from February 2011.

Dogs

- Adoptions increased 14% to 38,084.
- The number of dogs that died while in shelters totaled 856 (excluding euthanasia), a decline of 10% from 2011.
- Euthanasia decreased 5% to 18,586.
- Dogs returned to owners totaled 8,268, an increase of 4% compared to February 2011.
- Transfers of dogs from reporting AWOs to other organizations increased 15% to 8,863.
- 74,657 dogs left AWOs during February 2012, a 7% increase to February 2011.

Adoption Fees

- Adoption fees for cats younger than 1 year of age averaged \$63 in February 2012, a decline of 2% compared to February of last year.
- Adoption fees for cats older than 1 year of age averaged \$43 and a decline of 4% from February 2011.
- For dogs less than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$120, a 2% increase to February 2011.
- For dogs older than 1 year of age, adoption fees averaged \$91, a 2% increase over last year.

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